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THREE men have been charged over a spate of thefts of valuable paving stones from outside churches.

York stone slabs "worth thousands of pounds" have been dug up across the North West.

Churches in West Lancashire were targeted including St Cuthbert's Church in Halsall and Ormskirk Parish Church.

The men, from Greater Manchester, have been charged with theft and one of the men was also charged with handling a stolen motor vehicle and driving while disqualified.

The force previously said "highly desirable" York stone was known for its durability and aesthetic appeal and was worth "thousands of pounds."



Stones stolen from a churchyard path in Halsall.

PITCH ROW COULD LEAVE SKEM UNITED HOMELESS

JMO Sports Park bosses say entire playing surface will have to be replaced to meet league requirements

Report by **Tom Martin**

SKELMERSDALE United could be left looking for a new home amid the on-going row over the need to upgrade the pitch at the JMO Sports Park where it is based.

The Champion reported last week how Skem have been forced to play their first home matches for the upcoming season at Burscough FC's Community Stadium as the pitch at the JMO had failed a 'FIFA bounce test'.

This was a requirement for playing in the Northern Premier League after they won promotion from the North West Counties league last season.

Skem chairman, Gordon Johnson, has claimed JMO had failed to carry out pitch work to address the issue and hoped the problem could be resolved.

But JMO say that in order to meet league requirements the entire pitch needs replacing, which would cost them £300,000. They stated the football club was told this back in July.

They added that a whopping £750,000 has already been spent to ensure the JMO meets the league's stadium grading requirements, and this latest expenditure was a step too far.

A spokesperson for JMO, who lease the site from



Skem played at the JMO Sports Park last season. Picture by Elliott Southwell

West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "Our stadium pitch is not eligible for FIFA certification as the astroturf used is no longer in production and is not a registered product with FIFA."

They added that in addition to the £300,000 cost of replacing the pitch, the additional facilities required following the club's promotion could cost a further £200,000.

They added: "In light of the fact that JMO Sports Park has recently spent over £750,000 to meet SUFC's league's ground grading requirements, a decision had to be made as to whether this additional expenditure was financially viable and unfortunately at this current

time, that additional expenditure is just not possible taking account of what has already been spent.

"This information has also been provided to the club.

"During the last four months we have expressed our commitment to making it possible for SUFC to carry on playing at JMO Sports Park and this has always been our objective and expectation, but this does not constitute a guarantee.

"This was always on the provision that it was financially viable and the club have been constantly updated of all the work and expenditure that has

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MP fears cost of fuel is driving community nurses off the road

THE soaring cost of petrol could be forcing community nurses off the road, fears West Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper.

To combat the problem, she is pressing the Government to bring NHS mileage reimbursement in line with rising pump prices.

Her call comes after concerns that community nurses, who are required to use their cars to get to see patients in their homes, could be looking for hospital-based jobs because it is costing them a lot of money as the increasing cost of petrol means the NHS mileage reimbursement rate is inadequate.

The current reimbursement rate of 56p per mile drops to 20p after staff have travelled 3,500 miles. This rate has not been adjusted since 2014, despite significant increases to the cost of fuel.

At a recent Parliamentary Health Questions, Ms Cooper raised this matter with the new Health Secretary, Steve Barclay MP, asking him to consider whether the mass exodus of community staff to acute roles would be a 'catastrophe both for staff and for patients at home.'

Rosie Cooper, commented: "If this issue isn't addressed soon, I am really worried there will be a deepening UK wide community care crisis.

"In the past year we have seen the cost of fuel increase by as much as 60p per litre. District Nurses and other community-based NHS staff already

Call for the Government to bring NHS mileage reimbursement in line with soaring pump prices



MP Rosie Cooper says community nurses are being forced to look for hospital-based posts

have among the most demanding roles. We need to reimburse them fairly, not penalising them for simply doing their job.

"The current rate is absolutely not enough, and it's unbelievable that it hasn't been adjusted for 8 years!

"It shouldn't cost staff money to do work in the community. The Government must show that they value their essential NHS workforce by agreeing

to a fair adjustment that doesn't punish people for working hard and reflects the cost of fuel."

The MP was told the reimbursement of travel costs for NHS staff is covered by the NHS terms and conditions, which are agreed jointly by employers and NHS trade unions. The terms and conditions set out the process for reviewing the rate, and that process includes reviewing fluctuations in fuel prices.

Ms Cooper asked the Health Secretary: "Does the Secretary of State agree that if the rate of reimbursement does not rise in line with prices at the pump, those staff can easily obtain jobs in the acute sector, where they will not face the extra fuel costs?"

"Given that we want more people to be treated in the community, that would surely be a catastrophe both for staff and for patients at home.

Mr Barclay responded: "This is an important issue, and it affects different parts of the workforce in different ways.

"The 56p is higher than the rate approved by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs, and, as the Hon. Lady said, it drops to 20p after 3,500 miles have been travelled.

"Of course, the Government are taking other measures more widely in their fiscal response to the cost of living, such as cutting fuel duty, but there is a review mechanism in respect of the NHS specifically, which involves looking at these issues in the round."



Richard Harrison, left, and Munzi Ali of CoreRFID.

National staff shortages result in sales boost for company

A WEST Lancashire company which boasts market-leading inspection software, has seen a four-fold increase in orders.

Skelmersdale-based CoreRFID say its business is growing as more firms invest in automation to combat staff shortages. The company produces specialist software for safety inspections and maintenance.

The firm has secured eight new orders in the last three months alone and expects to take orders for 25 systems this year.

Munzi Ali, managing director, said: "With staff shortages, rising prices and the government drive to improve productivity, the demand for specialist software solutions has increased markedly.

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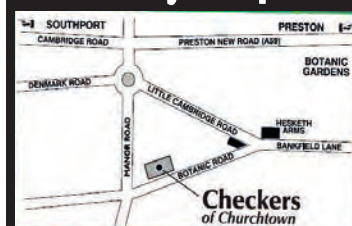
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Bereaved mum launches baby loss charity Lenny's Love in her son's name

'We need to start helping families to get through such traumatic times'

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A MUM from Skelmersdale who lost her son before he was born has started a fundraising campaign to create a baby loss charity in his memory.

Millie Wylie, 23, from Skelmersdale lost her son Lenny on September 16, 2021.

She now wants to set up and is in the process of setting up a registered charity called Lenny's Love.

The charity will provide 'comfort bags' for parents being treated in hospitals who suffer baby loss and she hopes, down the line, to also help grieving parents with funeral expenses and counselling – while 'breaking the stigma around baby loss.'

The comfort bags – which she already creates and donates – contains items needed during the immediate hospital stay including pyjamas, underwear and toiletries.

These are provided free of charge, currently given out to mothers and they hope to start creating overnight stay bags for fathers too.

Millie will also be including thoughtful memorial gifts to take home for parents to commemorate their loved ones, including knitted



Millie Wylie and, inset, one of Lenny's Love boxes

butterflies and a memorial bag.

They need to raise £5,000 to become a registered charity – and have raised £1,700 so far.

To help them to hit the target, they are holding an event at The Buffs on Ormskirk Road, Digmoor from noon-7pm on Sunday, August 28, featuring live music, games, stalls, raffles and dancing. The event will lovingly also feature a baby loss tribute tree.

She told the Champion: "A lot of parents, like me, go into hospital excited to meet their baby and have to come home alone, without them. It is vital that parents have something tangible that is an immediate memento of the baby that they have lost – which is why I have included hand-knitted butterflies in the bags."

As Millie knows first-hand, the costs of the funeral can be an added stress, as many bereaved parents won't immediately have the funds for this – and down the line, she hopes that the charity will be able to cover immediate costs including funeral flowers and headstones for children.

Millie added: "We are fundraising to ensure Lenny's Love becomes a registered charity with an official registered charity number."

"This means we have to raise £5,000 to not only be able to provide what we wish for Lenny's Love but because this is the total it takes to be able to have the charity commissioner even take one look at this as a charity."

"Lenny's Love aims to provide and distribute comfort bags to UK maternity hospitals for bereaved mothers and fathers starting within the North West."

"We aim to provide counselling sessions and mental health retreats following the heartbreaking loss of a baby."

"We aim to provide funds towards funeral flowers and/or headstones for babies."

"We aim to break the stigma around baby loss!"

"This is a vital charity which is screaming for help to make this happen, the potential is massive and we need to start helping families through such traumatic times."

"Baby loss happens every single day, in 2020 alone 2,638 babies were stillborn and 500 miscarriages a day occur in the UK alone."

To add to their fundraising, go to Go Fund Me and search for 'Lenny's Love.'

Police officer accused of shoplifting at tribunal for misconduct

A POLICE officer who worked in West Lancashire will face a misconduct hearing after being accused of shoplifting.

PC Sam Rigby, who has worked as the Skelmersdale Rural Community Beat Manager, is alleged to have hidden items in his coat after taking them from a Sainsbury's store at Manchester Piccadilly railway station.

He made "no attempt to pay for any of the items", breaching professional standards, police said.

He was due at Ormskirk Police Station yesterday (Tuesday, August 2) for the misconduct hearing chaired by Chief Constable Chris Rowley.

A statement on the Lancashire Police website said: "It is alleged by the Appropriate Authority that being a police officer with Lancashire Constabulary, PC 5345 Rigby breached the Standards of Professional Behaviour set out in Schedule 2 to the Police (Conduct) Regulations 2020."

"PC Rigby is alleged to have selected items from a Sainsbury's store at Piccadilly Station in Manchester, placed the items in his coat pocket and then left the store having made no attempt to pay for any of the items."

"The matters aforesaid amount to gross misconduct and to a breach of the Standards of Professional Behaviour of Honesty and Integrity and Discreditable Conduct."

Skem United may have to find new stadium over pitch dispute

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gone into trying to make that happen.

"JMO Sports Park are currently exploring other avenues that may lead to replacing the pitch being a more viable option."

"At this time, both 11 a side pitches at JMO Sports Park are FA approved pitches and are on the FA Register for Artificial Grass Pitches until the end of season 2023/24 allowing competitive matches up to and including Step 7 in

the Football Pyramid."

A spokesperson for Skelmersdale United said a meeting was held on July 20 with JMO and West Lancashire Council representatives to resolve the issues before the start of the season and that an "agreement in principle was reached" but failed to materialise.

The club spokesperson said: "The club was informed by JMO Sports that if agreement in principle could be agreed with WLBC then the work to bring the pitch up to FIFA testing

standards would be started."

"At the meeting that agreement in principle was reached and SUFC were under the impression that work on the pitch would be started, only to be informed by the same JMO representative that this was not the case and no such work would start until the discussions of the meeting were formally agreed by WLBC with JMO Sports, a process that is likely to take a number of months."

"It was at this point SUFC we're forced into

activating our provisionally negotiated groundshare agreement with Burscough FC and inform supporters of our club the reasons for this being the case."

In a further twist to the situation Burscough FC had to postpone their scheduled league fixture against Longridge Town yesterday (Tuesday) because the floodlight certificate at its Community Stadium had expired.

But it is expected that this problem can soon be resolved.



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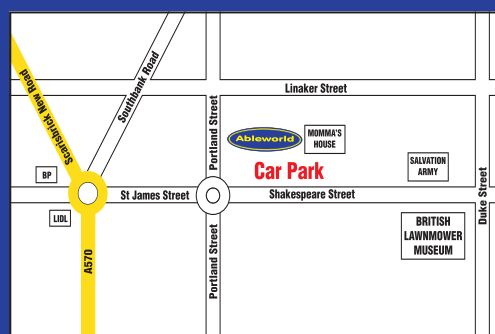
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Beacon Country and Coronation Park fly the flag with green space awards



Beacon Country Park, and inset, Coronation Park in Ormskirk.

‘We are very lucky to have beautiful green spaces right on our doorstep’

By **Danielle Thompson**

TWO West Lancashire parks, Beacon Country Park in Up Holland and Coronation Park in Ormskirk, have once again been awarded Green Flag status.

The news that the parks have achieved the Green Flag Award is testament to the hard work and dedication of the Countryside Rangers and council officers that make the parks great spaces that everyone can enjoy say councillors.

The Beacon was first awarded Green Flag status in 2007 and Coronation Park in 2008.

Councillor Carl Coughlan, West Lancashire Borough Council's portfolio holder for Leisure said: ‘I'm delighted the parks have

been awarded Green Flag status again.

‘Both parks were showcased beautifully during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and the recent return of the Green Fayre.

‘They are highly valuable assets to our communities and we're so lucky to have beautiful green spaces on our doorstep we can explore for free.

‘But they need a lot of care to achieve Green Flag status, so congratulations to everyone at WLBC who work hard all year long to keep them at their best, particularly the Rangers Team, the Clean and Green Team and all our amazing volunteers.’

Keep Britain Tidy's accreditation manager Paul Todd added: ‘I would like to congratulate everyone involved in making the parks worthy of a Green Flag Award.

‘They are a vital green spaces for the community in West Lancashire.

‘This award is testament to all the hard work of staff and volunteers, who do so much to ensure that it maintains the high standards demanded by the Green Flag Award.’

Love Your Parks week runs until Friday, August 5.



How the flats will look.

Retirement village plans in for Yew Tree Farm site

Proposals submitted to council for a block of 48 apartments plus a further 19 bungalows

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

PLANS have been submitted for a ‘retirement living village’ and bungalows on land at Yew Tree Farm in Burscough.

A planning application has been submitted to West Lancs Borough Council's Planning Committee on behalf of McCarthy Stone for retirement living housing as a block of 48 apartments plus 19 bungalows, with associated communal facilities, landscaping and car parking.

According to the Design, Access and Sustainability Statement submitted with

the development, it states: ‘The proposed development will aim to provide luxurious and low-maintenance private accommodation in great locations for over-sixties.

‘In providing much needed accommodation for the elderly population, the proposed development will optimise the use of this previously developed site. In addition, the site is ideally located for this type of retirement living accommodation.

‘There is no doubt that a high quality development, including significant new landscaping, will make an effective use of this previously developed site to the enhancement of the locality.

‘At the same time retirement housing is acknowledged to be a passive use and an entirely sympathetic neighbour with extremely low levels of traffic generation in comparison to the existing employment use on site, or other potential housing uses of the site.

‘The development proposals will enhance both the character and appear-

ance of the area. It will provide much needed specialised accommodation for the local, growing elderly population.

‘The site is ideally located for the proposed Retirement Living Village, being close to the amenities of Burscough village centre, and would provide for much needed specialised older persons housing in the local area, whilst also supporting local businesses.

‘Careful consideration has been given to the nature of the site, its relationship to its immediate surroundings, and the amenities of neighbouring occupiers.

‘There is no doubt that a high quality development will make an effective use of this sustainably located site and respond to its townscape.

‘At the same time Retirement Living housing is acknowledged to be a passive use, and an entirely sympathetic neighbour with extremely low levels of traffic generation in comparison to other potential housing uses of the site.’

The consultation on the application runs until Tuesday, August 23.

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Council's building firm 'to focus on outcomes not profit'

But opposition party calls for full review into the company's cost base

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council's house building company Tawd Valley Developments Limited aims to become 'outcome focused' rather than 'profit driven' according to new business plans.

The council say the move was agreed in principle at a meeting of full council, following recommendations by a cross-party committee, although this has been disputed by the Our West Lancashire party.

According to the council, Tawd Valley Developments will now "seek to develop sites within West Lancashire with the fundamental aim of supporting the housing and economic needs of the residents of the borough whilst making financial returns for its shareholder, the council."

It added that it would only undertake work in adjacent boroughs "for other local authorities or registered providers."

The council say this approach also allows TVD to progress with Government funding bids such as the £945,000 recently awarded to support the delivery of the £4.7million, 27 home scheme at Northfield in Skelmersdale, due to complete later this year.

Councillor Nicola Pryce-Roberts, portfolio holder for housing, said: "I am incredibly pleased that as a council, we have in principle found a positive and effective way forward for TVD."

"One of our top priorities is providing affordable



Councillor Jenny Wilkie, West Lancashire Borough Council cabinet member for housing and landlord services, Chris Twomey, chairman of Tawd Valley Developments Limited

homes, whether to rent or buy.

"This is key to the future prosperity of the borough; good housing makes it much more attractive when it comes to people choosing where to live and for businesses looking to invest."

A spokesperson for the Our West Lancashire group, however, said the statement by the council "did not reflect the debate at the council meeting."

They said: "The position of many councillors is reserved pending the production of a revised and sustainable business plan for the company."

"A full review of the cost base of the company must take place given the renewed focus agreed and Our West Lancashire are concerned that there is still no resolution to several of the 13 recommendations made by the independent reviewers of the company in November last year."



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Jon Culshaw said it is a "great honour" to play Les Dawson on stage. Credit: ITV News

Impersonator 'honoured' to play Les Dawson in stage show

ORMSKIRK impersonator Jon Culshaw says it is a "great honour" to play comedy legend Les Dawson in a new stage show about his life.

It is almost three decades since the passing of Lancastrian Les Dawson and now fellow Lancashire-born comedian Jon Culshaw will play the Blankety Blank host when 'Flying High' premieres at the Edinburgh's Fringe festival.

It will also be performed at The Lowry in Salford in September.

Culshaw, who can impersonate more than 350 people, ranging from John Bishop to Barack Obama and from Professor Brian Cox to Michael Gove, told a national media outlet: "We're in a period where the warmth of Les's comedy is quite welcome. It's like an old uncle coming to visit when you're feeling perplexed and uncertain."

"I hope everyone who sees this show feels that warm glow too."

Council under fire for withholding info on its own housing firm

Authority say it's to protect 'commercially sensitive information'

Report by **Henry James**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has come under fire for not publicly disclosing committee reports relating to the controversial council-owned housebuilding company, Tawd Valley Developments.

Council Independents, Our West Lancashire has pointed out that many more building sites are being eyed up by Tawd Valley Developments – yet the "public are not permitted to know where" as most agenda reports to a recent council meeting were kept from public eyes.

West Lancashire Borough Council responded by saying some details had to be kept secret due to "commercially sensitive information."

It added that this information will be made public "when appropriate."

Our West Lancashire say they got the plans to build on public open space at Farrington Drive in Ormskirk and to demolish garages at Whalley Drive in Aughton into the public arena.

Our West Lancashire Councillor, Adrian Owens made a formal representation for



Cllr Adrian Owens is calling for more public information on Tawd Valley Developments



two key agenda items at the council committee meeting to be heard in public.

He said: "When the council and its wholly owned house-building company are considering building across the borough, including on public open space, public confidence will not be secured if these discussions continue behind closed doors."

However a borough council spokesperson responded: "As is the case with all reports presented to committees, consideration was given prior to the publication of the reports as to whether there was a requirement to keep the information private."

"As the reports contained commercially sensitive information regarding an independent company and the potential harm

to not only that company but also the Council if the information was made public it was deemed that it wasn't in the public interest to release that information at this stage.

"Only one report contains information regarding potential development sites within the borough and these sites have been previously considered by Members."

"For transparency all Councillors have sight of all reports and the minutes of the meeting will be publicly available."

"The information will be disclosed publicly when appropriate and when it is deemed to be in the public interest to do so."

"Any decisions on which sites that are to be developed will be made after consideration by all Councillors at full Council and not by the Committee (on Tuesday, June 28). In addition any relevant planning requirements will be considered independently by the Council's planning committee where any relevant party can make representations."

Earlier this year it was decided West Lancashire Borough Council's home building company, Tawd Valley Developments (TVD) would not be wound down.

A motion which stopped all TVD developments outside of the borough and all those within the borough that are not already in progress was cancelled at a meeting of the Full Council in April.

Review held into locations of polling stations

ARE you satisfied with West Lancs' polling stations?

Following completion of the Electoral Review in March 2022 by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, the number of wards and polling places in the borough has been reduced, leading to changes in ward boundaries.

A polling review is now underway to ensure that polling districts and polling stations match these new boundaries and are convenient for voters.

Residents, other interested persons and organisations are invited to give feedback on any aspect of the proposed polling districts and places for elections from 2023 onwards, and also suggest alternatives which may be appropriate.

The public consultation runs until September 19 and the submissions to the consultation will form part of the final proposals.

Information on the proposals can be viewed at the Council Offices (52 Derby Street Ormskirk) or at the website: westlancs.gov.uk/elections.

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Disabled rower to take on 50-mile canoe challenge

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A DISABLED man from Westhead is taking on a tough charity challenge to help Children In Need.

Charlie Holland has cerebral palsy but that has never stopped him from helping others.

The 58-year-old will canoe 50 miles down the Lancashire Canal from Stainton near Kendal through Lancaster and Garstang to just north of Preston.

He has significant mobility problems, walks with a frame and receives treatment from the Burscough Neuro Physiotherapy team who are helping him prepare physically and mentally for his big challenge.

Charlie said: "I may be disabled with cerebral palsy and mobility issues but that will not stop me. I've faced many challenges in my life but now my challenge is to ask people to support me."

"All donations will be going to the BBC's Children In Need appeal and together we can make a difference. Children and young people are in need in many ways and we can all help. Every penny counts."

This isn't the first major charity challenge Charlie has done.

In 2000, he climbed the UK's highest mountain, Ben Nevis in Scotland, to raise money for his local school, Westhead Lathom St James' CE Primary School.

Burscough Neuro Physiotherapy clinical director



Charlie, who is also pictured left, training in a canoe with Phil Haworth from scouts water activity group SPLASHU



ector Jack Moulton said: "Charlie is a remarkable person and a real inspiration to us all here at the practice. We have been working with Charlie for the past three years to help improve and maintain his current level of mobility and independence."

The challenge starts on Saturday, August 20 and is expected to take five days.

Charlie is being supported by West Lancashire Explorer Scouts and SPLASHU, a team of scouts who specialise in water experiences.

Charlie will have at least one other canoe in the water with him at all times to ensure he is safe, along with two land teams. Explorer Scouts will walk the canal path, collecting support as they go. There will also be a team getting supplies and setting up rest stops. Charlie will be staying at scout huts along the way.

To donate to Charlie's Challenge go to <https://charlies-challenge.co.uk>

Council has 'underspend' of nearly £30m

BOSSES at Lancashire County Council have acted to "future proof" its services in light of the expected increase in the cost of living after it had an 'underspend' of £29.9million from last year.

Members of the council's Cabinet heard that at the end of the financial year in April, the council had an underspend of £29.9m from a budget of £881.4million.

The underspend was as a result of an "exceptional" year due to the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on council services.

The council also received a number of grants from the Government as part of the Covid response which it has used to support services.

The underspend has meant that further investment has been possible in a number of areas, including a computer system to improve school admission processing, extra money towards energy costs and repaying a substantial loan, which will save on future interest payments, as well as funding to meet the needs of the services in the future.

The amount of money now in reserves stands at £215.7m, although savings are still needed to ensure the authority is able to balance its books by 2024/25, when a funding gap is expected.

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Barclays slammed as 'uncaring' as branch in town set to close

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

BARCLAYS Bank is to close its branch on Ormskirk's high street in a decision slammed as 'selfish and uncaring' by MP Rosie Cooper.

The bank has announced that its branch on Aughton Street will close on Friday, October 28 - one year after the bank closed its branch in Skelmersdale.

The Ormskirk branch was the last one left in West Lancashire, leaving Barclays' customers with no option but to travel to Liverpool or Southport if they need in-branch services from this autumn.

Ms Cooper said: "I am appalled by the selfish and uncaring decision by Barclays to close their Ormskirk branch."

"We need to support the high street now more than ever, but Barclays have chosen to jump ship - abandoning the loyal customers who rely on in-person services, many that are elderly or vulnerable."

"Undoubtedly people are using more online banking and less people need to use a bank branch, but there are still many people that cannot or do not use these services and need the in-person customer service that only a bank branch can offer."

"It is not acceptable to simply abandon these people because it is inconvenient or costly."

"My constituents will have to travel a fair distance to reach a branch, many by public transport."

"Although Barclays say everyday transactions can be carried out at the Post Office, this is no replacement for an actual bank branch."

"Post Offices are also slowly disappearing, and just this week the Ormskirk Post Office site on County Road announced it was closing its doors."



Barclays' branch on Aughton Street will close in October.

What happens when there are none left?

"I also find it disgraceful that in its letter to customers alerting them to the closure, Barclays say they are consulting with MPs about it but they only contacted me the day of the announcement!"

"I have written in the strongest possible terms to the Secretary of State for Business to ask what can be done to protect our in-branch banking."

A Barclays spokesperson said: "The decision to close a branch is never an easy one. However, customers are increasingly using alternatives to branches to do their banking. As a result, we are seeing a sustained fall in branch visits across the UK."

"This is reflected at Ormskirk branch there has been an 62% reduction in counter transactions in the two years to March 2020. In addition 90 per cent of our customers at the branch are also using different ways to bank."

"We will work with our customers and provide alternative options to ensure they can continue to manage their money and receive financial expertise when required."

Big Model and Hobby Show returns

AFTER two years, The BIG Model and Hobby Show is set to return!

The popular event will be held from 10am to 4.30pm on Saturday, August 6 at the Princes Royal Exhibition Hall at Aintree Racecourse.

Organiser Peter Wood, from the Gauge One Model Railway Association, North West Group said: "After a wait of two years we are nearly there with a new show for 2022."

"Our first show at the Convention Centre in Southport was very well received and the crowds turned out in their hundreds."

"When we came to book the same venue for 2021, we paid

a deposit, only to discover that the venue had gone into liquidation and we lost our deposit."

"Aintree Racecourse should prove to be a good venue, easily accessible from the motorway network and with a railway station across the road with a very frequent service to Liverpool."

"We have taken three floors at the venue with two lifts for ease of access to the second and fourth floor. The ground floor is reserved for the larger displays and associated trade stands and the second floor has Slideways Drift radio control cars and Hoyle Models with their

radio control large trucks and buses, along with Society stands, Meccano display and model railway exhibits."

"We also welcome the West Lancashire Lace Makers, with their ladies showing off their skills along with the Southport Wood Carvers Group giving displays of how to carve wood. The fourth floor is where Keith Hick will be found giving illustrated talks on railways around Liverpool and the early days of American railways when rail travel was all the rage."

"Enjoy the show and thank you for your involvement."

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An image to be included as part of the exhibition

Uni researchers create unique art exhibition

AN interactive new art exhibition curated by researchers from Edge Hill University is travelling to locations across the North West to mark Natural England's 70th birthday.

The From the Land to the Sky exhibition will be at Ainsdale Sand Dunes Natural Nature Reserve from August 1-8 and forms part of Natural England's 70th anniversary celebrations to help visitors understand what disadvantaged communities have to say about the natural environment.

Professor of Culture, Communication and Screen Studies, Claire Parkinson has brought together artists and disadvantaged groups to produce artworks examining what animals can teach us about landscapes.

Together they explored farms, nature reserves, and allotments to consider the different ways in which people and other species make sense of the world.

Professor Parkinson, who is also Director of the University's Centre for Human Animal Studies (CfHAS), said: "One of the reasons we have a climate crisis is that we only think about things from our human perspective. This project builds on research undertaken by members of the Edge Hill's CfHAS which explores our interconnections with other species and highlights the problems of adopting a wholly human-centred view of the world."

It involved Edge Hill colleagues Professor Brett Mills, Dr Lara Herring and Dr Hannah Parathian, as well as Professor Candice Satchwell from the University of Central Lancashire. They engaged with a wide range of community groups, including Burscough Community Farm.

Record turnover for financial firm

BOSSES at West Lancashire Independent Financial Adviser (IFA) Acumen Financial Partnership have said they have enjoyed their most successful year yet.

The Burscough-based (IFA) recorded a 36% increase in turnover and currently has £395m funds under management, which is up 12.8% on the same time last year.

In the same period, the team has increased by three, bringing the headcount up to 21.

Angela Maher, managing director at Acumen Financial Partnership said: "These are the company's best figures in its 16th year of business and are testament to the commitment and hard work of the team."

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Edge Hill nominated for two HR awards

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

EDGE Hill University has been shortlisted for two industry-leading Human Resources awards.

The Ormskirk university has been recognised for excellence in people management, joining more than 100 other organisations in being shortlisted for the Personnel Today Awards 2022, securing nominations in the HR Team of the Year and Change Management categories.

Judges recognised the university's work in managing and embedding change to support the internationalisation of the campus, resulting in a rise in applications from international students.

Work to reshape the structure of the HR team to better align objectives with the institution's strategic priorities was also highlighted.

Director of HR, Vicky Bosward, said: "The HR team packs a punch and will continue to act as ambassadors for Edge Hill University. By demonstrating our values every day, we will continue to play our part in ensuring diverse staff of the highest calibre are attracted, recruited, retained



Edge Hill University

and developed to enable Edge Hill, and our staff, to thrive in challenging times.

"As a university we are committed to providing the best possible student experience. We believe this is best achieved through truly engaged staff."

Now in their 24th year, the Personnel Today Awards celebrate the exceptional achievements of HR and Learning and Development teams across employers of all sizes and the suppliers that support them, organisations that put their workforce at the heart of what they do.

The ceremony will take place on November 15 at Grosvenor House Hotel in London.

Improvements made at psychiatry services

A NEW review has found 'significant improvements' at psychiatry services across Lancashire.

The CQC released a report following an inspection of Liaison Psychiatry services delivered by Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust; part of a national review of urgent and emergency care centres which

began in April of this year.

The review, which was released on July 22, looked at the impact of mental health liaison within urgent emergency care centres and assessed three domains – safe, responsive and well-led.

The report details the significant improvements made in these services since they were

last inspected in 2019, and confirms a higher quality of care and patient experience.

The CQC inspectors found services provided safe care; staff assess and manage risk well; patients have access to a range of services to meet their needs; and leaders have the skills, knowledge and experience to perform their roles.

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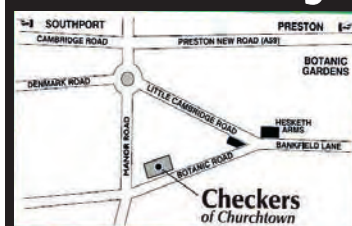


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I'm very sad to see the end of CCGs

Landfill is a lucrative business and sites need careful scrutiny

Our CCG is no more!
Personally I am very sad to see the end of the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group), the group responsible for commissioning our health care.
As a very unofficial observer over the last ten years I have seen a marked positive transformation.
Often they would bear the blame for problems caused by other agencies, for example, unkept promises to increase the supply of GPs or funding cuts.
But I have witnessed them working tirelessly and efficiently in our interests, never blowing their own trumpets.
May the ICB, which covers a much greater geographic area, and which replaced them in July, carry on the excellent work that we have witnessed.
I hope it will benefit from the experiences of the people who will transfer from our CCG.
I wish my trumpet was bigger, but The Champion will at least be able to deliver our message of gratitude for all they have done.

Julie Myers,
Ormskirk

I share your readers' concerns regarding Whitemoss landfill site that have appeared in the Champion's letters page.
The impacts of Whitemoss on the community have been well rehearsed for more than 20 years.
In 2015 the site was designated as a National Infrastructure Site to take hazardous waste.
This followed a long legal battle via the Royal Court of Justice in London.
During the long, hard, expensive campaign to stop the site from taking hazardous waste, both our MP Rosie Cooper and West Lancashire Borough Council worked with and supported residents in doing all within their power to bring the concerns (including health impacts) to the attention of the Judge.
Rosie was a stalwart campaigner at every stage of the legal process and continues to support residents against the negative impacts that landfill has on local communities.
Rosie supported Parbold residents against a plan to raise Parbold Hill

landfill to a height that would have taken away the view.
The recent tragic loss of life at East Quarry, Appley Bridge again focuses on potential landfill concerns.
Whether to infill with approximately 1.1million cubic metres of waste, resulting in 250,000 lorry movements past residents' front doors for 10 years, or to follow advice from the Health and Safety Executive to provide adequate fencing to ensure safety at the site.
If a Certificate of Lawfulness were to be granted at the site, there would be less protection to Appley Bridge residents and their environment, than that granted at Whitemoss, and we know those problems only too well!
Landfill is a lucrative business and without careful management and scrutiny from residents and relevant agencies, those closest to such sites will always suffer the most.

Del Ellis,
Parbold

Young saplings which replaced dead trees have been killed by weedkiller

For many years I have been trying to 'persuade' the council to replace around ten dead trees that used to grow in the area around the junction of Delph Lane and Moss Delph Lane in Aughton.
During those years I had no success and little room for optimism until earlier this year when a number of very small saplings (whips) were planted together with supports and protective plastic sheaths.
All was well until somebody, presum-

ably a council employee, came along a few weeks later and sprayed the whole lot with a weed killer.
This approach is OK for controlling grass growth around mature trees, with well developed bark, but deadly for the immature saplings - the kill rate was virtually 100%.
I have twice contacted the council, by email and phone, in an attempt to discuss the issue with a response rate of 0%.

I write to you for two reasons a) to get rid of my total frustration at the situation and b) to highlight the money and time wasted in planting trees only to kill them a few weeks later.
Having written this, I feel somewhat better, but still agitated about the whole sequence of events.

Doug Clarkson,
Aughton

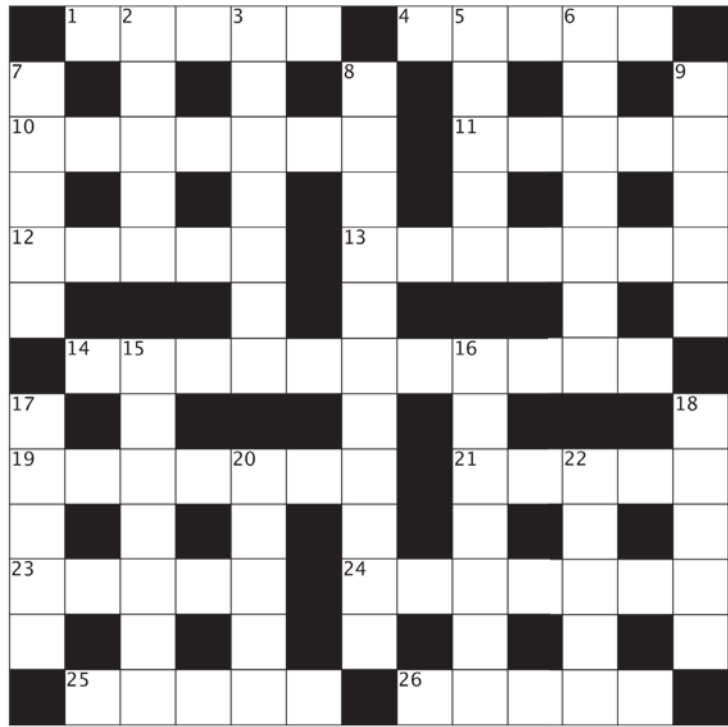


PICTURE of the week

Phil Green took this photograph early one morning recently in the Concourse shopping centre in Skelmersdale. He said that it may not be quirky or unusual but it shows that age is just a number and there is nothing wrong with showing our affection towards each other.

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ACROSS

- 1. Crowd scene actor (5)
- 4. Diving waterbird (5)
- 10. South American country (7)
- 11. Perhaps (5)
- 12. Second child of Posh and Becks (5)
- 13. State capital of Nebraska (7)
- 14. 1970s sitcom character played by John Cleese (5,6)
- 19. Spicy Spanish pork sausage (7)
- 21. Culinary term for a young pigeon (5)
- 23. Norwegian sea inlet (5)
- 24. Old Testament prophet (7)
- 25. Hip pocket drink container (5)
- 26. A heavenly being (5)

DOWN

- 2. Woody plant tissue (5)
- 3. Filled pasta cases (7)
- 5. The first stomach of a cow (5)
- 6. Sir Geoffrey ___, Yorkshire cricketer and commentator (7)
- 7. Terminate before completion (5)
- 8. A vegetable made up of florets (11)
- 9. River flowing through Paris (5)
- 15. Mexican salamander (7)
- 16. Cowboy film (7)
- 17. Eat quickly (5)
- 18. Deadly virus named after an African river (5)
- 20. River flowing through Tibet, Pakistan and India to the Arabian Sea (5)
- 22. Trade union headed by Sharon Graham (5)

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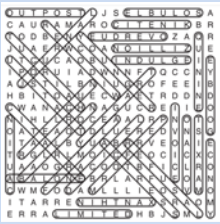
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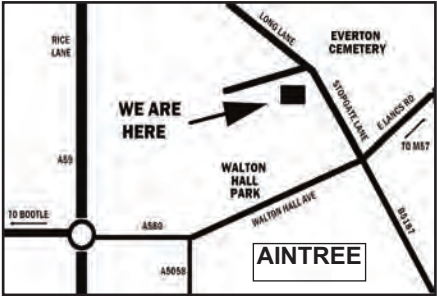
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Garden 'glamping' site nominated for two major tourism awards

Report by Danielle Thompson

A SKELMERSDALE 'glamping' site has been shortlisted for two awards which celebrate the best of Lancashire's tourism businesses.

Marketing Lancashire, the county's tourist board and destination management organisation, announced the first finalists in the annual Lancashire Tourism Awards, with around 50 businesses now progressing to the next stage of the competition in 17 categories.

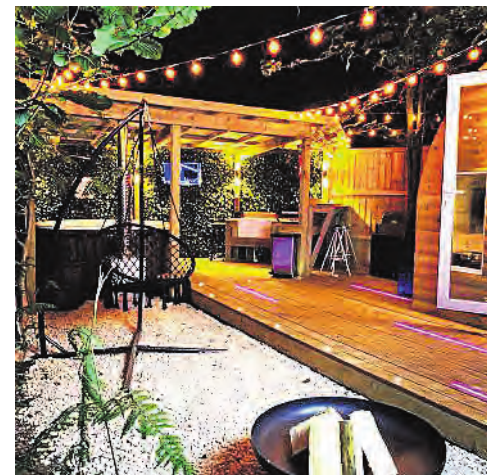
The Secret Garden Glamping in Skelmersdale has reached the finals for the Camping, Glamping and Holiday Park of the Year category; and the Resilience and Innovation Award.

A spokesperson for The Secret Garden Glamping told the Champion: "It is absolutely amazing to be nominated for these two awards. We actually won Best New Tourism Business of the Year last year at the Visit Lancashire awards - and this was the first award we had ever been nominated for!"

"When we got the nomination last year and then at the final winning the award, it was literally the highlight of this entire process. In our first 12 months of trading we managed to win the best new tourism business for Lancashire and it was one of the proudest moments since opening the site. This year to be nominated for two awards really has blown me away."

"We put everything we could into this site and try and make it special for those who visit, although we don't do it to win awards - just being recognised for a contribution towards tourism in Lancashire really does mean the world to us."

"Lancashire is an amazing place to visit with lots of attractions and anything we can do to help



The Secret Garden Glamping

boost the local economy and other local businesses is certainly something that we want to be a part of."

The finalists will now go through to the next stages of the competition, which includes a presentation and interview with a panel of judges.

Three categories, the Small and Large Event of the Year, and Taste Lancashire Producer award remain open for applications until Sunday, September 18. The finalists in these categories will be announced the following week.

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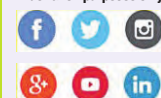
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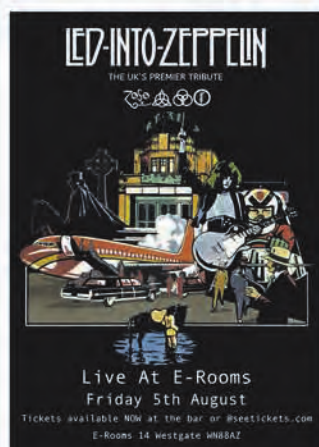
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Talented golfer reaches finals of world competition

*Leo, nine, took to golf
'like a duck to water'*

By Danielle Thompson

A SKILLED nine year old is celebrating after coming second in a major golfing contest for talented young players from all around the world.

Leo Taylor, from Skelmersdale, took up the sport when he was seven – and he loves it so much he has played every single day for the last two years!

His love of competing has led his supportive family on adventures abroad - including Florida and Ireland.

Leo, who is a member of both Ormskirk Golf Club and Hillside Golf Club in Southport, came second in the Age 9 category of the World Championships in Northern Ireland last week.

He has previously won three European Junior tournaments, as well as winning the US Kids Tour in Florida and he also came second in the European Championship in Scotland in May.

His proud dad Andy said: "Leo took up golf and has done so well, we are unbelievably proud of him. Supporting him in competitions takes the whole family on great adventures!"

"He has a coach, is a member of two great clubs and we have even turned the garage into a golf training area for him!"

"He just took to golf like a duck to water and has loved it since he was seven."

"The rest of the family aren't actually golfers but we love to support him in everything that he does."



Leo in Northern Ireland last week



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Shezhad and Barnes take all ten wickets as Ormskirk stun leaders Wallasey

FIVE wickets each for Zahir Shezhad and Jamie Barnes helped set up a stunning seven wicket win for Ormskirk over Liverpool Competition Premier Division leaders Wallasey on Saturday.

Afghan left arm spinner Shezhad got things going having opener Jamie Crawley bowled for a duck and then number three Chris Davies lbw for 8.

Jamie Barnes then claimed a couple of middle order wickets to have Wallasey on 96-6.

The only batter to make a score of note was Daniel Beaver who scored 53 before he was bowled by Barnes.

Zahir Shezhad finished with figures of 5-40 and Jamie Barnes 5-32 as Wallasey were all out for 121 in 44.3 overs.

Ormskirk made easy work of the target with openers Alex Rankin (42) and John Armstrong (50) put on 74 for

the first wicket and the game was won in the 30th over.

Ormskirk are now lever second in table with Northern who lost to Leigh by seven wickets.

Northern suffered a surprise seven wicket defeat to Leigh on Saturday after they were dismissed for just 90 in 41 overs.

Eight Northern batters failed to make double figures while skipper Chris Laker did his best to hold the innings together scoring 43 not out and Johnny Browne contributed 20 as Patrick Allen finished with figures of 4-20.

Daniel Wilson took three wickets in Leigh's reply but couldn't prevent them cruising to a win in the 32nd over.

Elsewhere in the Premier Division Wigan beat New Brighton by 4 wickets, Birkenhead Park beat Newton-le-Willows by 89 runs, Orrell RT drew with Formby and S&B drew with Rainhill.

Linnets boss steps down a day before first league match

Academy coach duo now in charge

Prestwich Heys 3
Burscough 0

HAVING lost manager Leon Mike the day before the opening game of the season, it was hardly the ideal preparation for Burscough when they travelled to Prestwich Heys for the first match of the season, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

Mike, who was only appointed at the start of the summer, resigned on Friday and has now been replaced by local academy coaches Craig Davies and Todd Blayney.

The Linnets, who fielded eleven debutants, put in a spirited performance on Saturday given the circumstances.

After Burscough caused an early scare in



Burscough in action last Saturday (picture by Prestwich Heys) and (inset) Leon Mike, who has resigned



the Heys defence the hosts went close with a pair of headers.

They opened the scoring in the 14th minute when Linnets goalkeeper Jordan Hadlow made a good save from Callum Nicholas, but was unlucky to see the ball fall perfectly for Ben Potts who guided the ball into the net.

Burscough responded magnificently and from a free-kick Marios Avraam looked certain to score but was thwarted by a

superb block by defender Rudy Misambo.

Early in the second-half Hadlow earned his stripes, first with an excellent tip over the crossbar from Nicholas then saves from Dylan Fitzgerald and Connor Berry.

Prestwich made changes and it made a difference. Nine minutes from the end Heys attacked down the left and the cross was returned from the far post to substitute Mitch Bryant who duly finished well for 2-0.

With a minute of normal time remaining all Burscough hopes were wiped away when Bryant put Berry into the clear to chip Hadlow for 3-0.

Elsewhere, Skelmersdale United beat Welsh Premier League club Flint Town 2-1 in a friendly last Saturday.

After going a goal behind, Skem came back to win the match thanks to goals from Kenny Strickland and Eddie Servuts.

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Grandad to Poppy Jai and Maggie May.
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Loving and much loved Partner of Tracy.
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Aged 65 years

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Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 11:00am. No flowers please, donations if desired are being gratefully received for Queenscourt Hospice or North West Air Ambulance.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

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24th July 2022
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 88 years
of Skelmersdale

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DEATHS

VEAL CONSTANCE NORMA

Passed away
on 22nd July 2022
Aged 94 Years

Beloved Wife of Leonard (Deceased). Much loved Sister, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.

Funeral service to take place at Southport Crematorium on Thursday 11th August at 12:00pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I.

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STEPHENSON ALMA

26th July 2022.
Passed away peacefully
Aged 89 years

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Funeral service at St John the Baptist Church, Burscough on Thursday 11th August at 3pm followed by committal at West Lancashire Crematorium

Enquiries please to Sally Hunter. MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 22a, Liverpool Road North, Burscough. Tel: 01704 891555.

DEATHS

JEAN NICHOLSON
[née Shears]

formerly of Hull, East Yorkshire
Died peacefully in Southport
aged 93

Dearly loved Mother of David and Barbara. Mother-in-law to Virginia and Geoff. Grandmother to Claire and Rose. Grandmother-in-law to Morris and Great-Grandmother to Max and Maddie.

The funeral will be held at Southport Crematorium on 4th August at 3pm, followed by a buffet at The Imperial (Albert Road, Southport) starting about 4 pm.

With thanks to the staff and residents of Peacehaven House, who welcomed Jean and made her short time in Southport comfortable and happy.

All enquiries to Moisters, 8 Station Road, Ainsdale, Southport PR8 3HS. Tel. 01704 336898

DEATHS

STARKEY STEPHEN

19/11/1959 - 28/07/2022

Peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family
aged 62 years

Beloved husband of Christine, devoted dad of Andrew and Hannah, much loved brother of Tom, Chris and Mike.

Steve will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him.

Funeral Service will be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough, L40 7SP on Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 10.00am.

Family flowers only please but donations if desired may be made to Prostate Cancer UK.

All further enquiries c/o Andrew Roughley Independent Funeral Directors 13-14 Central Square Maghull, L31 0AE

Tel 0151 433 8820

DEATHS

PYE JOHN

6th May 1957 -
18th July 2022

The dearly loved Husband of Gaynor., Loving Dad of Gary and Mark. Stepdad to Lyndsey, Rebecca and Daniel. Dear Father in law of Jo-Ellen, Tayler, Mike and Paul. Devoted Grandad to his six Grandaughters and much loved Brother of Ann.

Funeral service at St Paul's Church, Skelmersdale on Thursday 4th August 2022 at 12 noon followed by cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium at 1:00pm. Family flowers only please, Donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation.

All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co. Independent Family Funeral Directors Tel: 01695 722122/720012

DEATHS

THOMSON JOSEPHINE

19th July 2022
Peacefully at her home in Ormskirk
Aged 87 years

The dearly loved Mum of Peter (deceased), David, Keith, Lesley and Michael. Dear Mother in law of Jacqui, Lynn and Sylvia and devoted Grandma of Adam, Holly, Ben, Freyja, Charlotte, Laura, Sam, Stefan, Isobel, Joseph and Madelaine. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service at St Mark's Church, Scarisbrick at 11:15am on Thursday 11th August, followed by cremation at West Lancs Crematorium.

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SCOTT ANNE MARGARET

On 26th July 2022
Peacefully in the Brunswick Care Home
Aged 95 Years
Fortified by the rites of the Holy Church
R.I.P

Beloved wife of the late Billy. Loving mother of Susanne, Anne-Therese, Jacqueline and the late Michael. Dear mother-in-law of John, Andy and Alyson and a loving gran and great gran.

Funeral Mass will take place at Holy Family Church on Tuesday 16th August at 10:30am followed by the Committal at Southport Crematorium.

Further enquiries please to M. Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road, Southport, PR9 9TG. Tel: 01704 214118.

FARRIMOND ALAN

28th July 2022
Peacefully in Springfield Court Nursing Home
Aged 83 years

The dearly loved Husband of the late Doris. Loving Dad of Susan and Nigel. Dear Father in law of Ian. Devoted Grandad of Kayleigh & Stephen and Siobhan & will and Great Grandad to Luke.

Funeral service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 17th August 2022 at 11:00am. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for Springfield Court Residents Fund.

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DEATHS

ADAMS ERNEST TREVOR

On 11th July 2022
Suddenly in Menorca
aged 82

Dearly loved husband
of Gwendoline and
loving father of
Jeanette

WHITTINGHAM THOMAS "TOMMY"

Peacefully in hospital
with his family
at his side
on 24th July 2022.
Aged 93 years

Much loved Husband
to Nancy and devoted
Dad to Susan, Tony
and Michael.
Father in law to
Michael and Denise
and a cherished
Grandad to all his
Grandchildren
and Great
Grandchildren.
Tommy will be
greatly missed by
all his loving family
many friends and
neighbours.

A Funeral Service
and Cremation will be
at West Lancashire
Crematorium on
Thursday 11th August
2022 at 3.00pm.

Family flowers only
please. Donations
if desired will be for
Alzheimer's Society or
Guide Dogs
for the Blind
in memory of Tommy.

All enquiries to
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4th August 2021
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of Jimmy

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family.

DEATHS

DALE PAULA ELLEN

On 26th July 2022
Peacefully at home
surrounded by her
loving family
Aged 55 Years

Loving partner of
Martin. Devoted
Mum of Kayleigh,
Natalie, Dylan, Jack,
Saffron and Thomas.
Cherished Nan of all
her Grandchildren.
Will be sadly missed
by all her family and
friends.

Funeral service
will take place at
West Lancashire
Crematorium on
Wednesday 10th
August at 4.00pm.
Family flowers only
please by request,
donations if desired
for Macmillan Cancer
Care.

All enquiries to
Margaret Whitlam
Skelmersdale Funeral
Service, 29/31 Sandy
Lane
Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

FORSDIKE BRIAN GREGORY

22nd July 2022
Suddenly in hospital
Aged 87 years

Beloved partner of
Sue. Father to Andrew,
Nick, Debbie, Karen
and David
Grand-Father to
Ashley, Christopher,
Danny, Lauren
and Issy.
Great Grand-Father
to Lola, Jackson and
Millie.

Funeral service to take
place at Southport
Crematorium on
Wednesday 10th
August at 2pm.
Family flowers only by
request.

Donations if so
desired can be made
to British Heart
Foundation

Donations and further
enquiries please to
M. Rushton Funeral
Directors, 100
Marshside Road,
Southport, PR9 9TG.
Tel: 01704 214118

DEATHS

GREEN ROBERT 'BOBBY'

Passed away peacefully
at home on
19th July 2022
aged 81 years

Much loved Husband
of Pat. Loving Father
of Angela, Mandy &
Darren. Much loved
Grandad of Kayleigh,
Nick, Amy, Erika,
Jake & Ben.
Great Grandad
to Austin.

Funeral service
to take place at
West Lancashire
Crematorium,
Burscough on
Monday 8th August
at 11am.

Family flowers only
please but Donations
if desired are being
gratefully received for
Queenscourt Hospice.

For all enquiries
please contact
Hunters Funeral
Directors, 128b
Burscough Street,
Ormskirk L39 2EY.
Tel: 01695 572997

DEATHS

HOGG ALAN

From Hesketh Bank
Passed away
on 22nd July 2022
at home peacefully
surrounded by
his family
aged 87 years

Loving husband to
Nita, loving father to
David and Grandfather
to Joseph, also a
loving brother.

Funeral Service
will take place on
Thursday 11th
August 2022 at
West Lancashire
Crematorium, at 1pm.
Family flowers only
by request please,
donations will be
gratefully received for
Queenscourt Hospice.

Alan will be missed by
all who knew him.

All enquiries to
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Funeralcare, 2 Smithy
Walk, Burscough
L40 5UU
Tel: 01704 897770.

DEATHS

BROADBENT ELIZABETH (BETTY)

On the 21st July 2022
Peacefully in
Elm House
Nursing Home.
Aged 94 years

Loving Wife of the late
Walter. Mother of Alan
and Keith. Grandma
of Peter and Lyn and
a great Grandma and
great great Grandma.

Special thanks to Elm
house nursing home
for their loving care
given to Betty.

The funeral service
and committal
will take place
at Southport
Crematorium on
Monday 8th August
2022 at 10.00 am.
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made to a charity of
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Further enquiries
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Funeral Directors,
100 Marshside Road,
Southport, PR9 9TG.
Tel: 01704 214118.

DEATHS

RAINFORD MARGARET

Passed away suddenly
but peacefully
on Sunday 10 July
aged 91 years

Requiem mass took
place on Monday 18th
July at St. Anne's RC
Church, Ormskirk.

Margaret was the
devoted Wife of
60 years to Tom
(deceased) and
beloved Mother of
Christina, Clare,
Damian and Judith
and their spouses,
together with 9
Grandchildren and 4
Great Grandchildren.

The family wish to
thank Father Godric
Timney O.S.B.
Hillcroft Residential
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Margaret was dearly
loved by her family
and all who knew her.

Donations in memory
of Margaret will be
gratefully accepted
for St. Anne's Church
Roof Fund

DEATHS

ROWE PHILIP

26th July 2022
Aged 72 Years

Died peacefully at
home surrounded by
his family.

Loving husband
of Anne.
Much loved dad of
Catherine, Suzanne
and Jonathan.
Cherished grandpa
of Hannah, Matthew,
Jacob, Naomi, Hugo
and Sebastian.
Beloved brother of
Rachel and Colin.
Philip will be greatly
missed by all his
family and friends.

Service of
thanksgiving at St
James Parish Church,
Birkdale on Monday
15th August at
11:45am.
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please but donations
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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15
APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

2022/0464/FUL Conversion of an existing barn to form a single dwelling including alterations to elevations, replacement of mono pitched roof with dual pitched roof, demolition of timber lean to car port and associated landscaping works at Ayrefield House, Ayrefield Road, Roby Mill. The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Acts 1981 applies.

2022/0617/FUL Alterations to landscape including hot tub, fences, gate posts & gates. New porch, finishes to elevations and conversion of the garage to games room (part retrospective) at 55 Granville Park, Aughton. The application affects a Conservation Area.

2022/0642/FUL Erection of Retirement Living Village comprising Retirement Living Housing (Category II type accommodation), bungalows, associated communal facilities, landscaping and car parking at Land To The South Of, Chancel Way, Bursoough.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. If it is not possible for you to view the application via the Council's website, please contact the office to discuss alternative arrangements for viewing the application. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's website, by e-mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development, Heritage & Environment Manager, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 24 days of the date of this notice quoting the application number.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
If an appeal is made against a decision to refuse to grant planning permission, and that appeal proceeds under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

How information about you will be used
Personal data provided by you will be used as part of the Council's statutory planning duties. Some of this information, including your name and address, will be published. Further information about this is available online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning and hard copies are available on request.

Heidi McDougall BSc (Hons), MBA Dated: 3rd August 2022
Corporate Director of Place & Community PDNOT1194

THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST LANCASHIRE SUMMER TRIATHLON EVENT, WESTHEAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") intend to make an Order under **Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the event) from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire, as set out below:

- School Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Whiteley's Lane
- Ruff Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Scarth Hill Lane
- Whiteley's Lane from its junction with Scarth Hill Lane to its junction with A577 Wigan Road (Lathom)
- Vicarage Lane in a North East and Easterly direction from its junction with Ruff Lane to its junction with School Lane
- Ruff Lane in a South Easterly direction from its junction with Beech Meadow to its junction with Vicarage Lane

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures is as follows:

- Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - A577 Wigan Road and vice versa
- Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - Vicarage Lane
- A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - A577 Wigan Road - A570 St Helens Road - Scarth Hill Lane and vice versa

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, vehicular access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed. The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable the safe holding of the West Lancashire Summer Triathlon event 2022. The prohibitions will be operative from, 0600 hours until 1600 hours on Sunday 28th August 2022, or sooner if the event finishes earlier. Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRT/37628/EW]

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U303 NEW LANE, BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

- No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U303 New Lane, Burscough from U3617 Marsh Moss Lane, Burscough for a distance of 50m in a South Easterly direction.
- Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
- The prohibition will be operative from 0020 hours until 0530 hours on Wednesday 17th August 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. **Access for residents will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.**
- An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C137 Tarlscough Lane, Burscough - C137 Red Cat Lane, South of Crabtree Lane - A59 Liverpool Road North, Burscough - A59 Liverpool Road South, Burscough - U300 Higgins Lane, Burscough - U303 New Lane, Burscough and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the annual servicing of the level crossing to be carried out by Centurion Site Services on behalf of Network Rail.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/34968/EW]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(U472 BACK LANE, NEWBURGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2022
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

- No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of U472 Back Lane, Newburgh from U477 Deans Lane, Newburgh for an approximate distance of 420m in a Westerly direction.
- Nothing in this order shall apply to persons engaged in the carrying out of the works.
- The prohibition will be operative daily between 0800 hours and 1800 hours from Tuesday 30th August 2022 until Wednesday 31st August 2022 or until completion of the works within this period. **Residents access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.**
- An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- C164 Ring O Bells Lane, Lathom - A59 Briars Lane, Lathom - A59 Lowry Hill Lane, Lathom - A59 Course Lane, Newburgh - U472 Back Lane, Newburgh and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway inlay and resurfacing works to be carried out by Lancashire County Council. Authority given for this Order to be made:
Peter Bell, Regulation and Enforcement Manager, Highways and Transport, 0300 123 6780 [Ref: HRIT/37419/EW]

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DOROTHY FINCH (Deceased)
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DICKINSON PARKER HILL,
22 Derby Street, Ormskirk
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JOHN NEIL KENDALL (Deceased)
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PETER ALEXANDER EMBLEY (Deceased)
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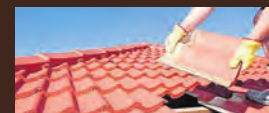
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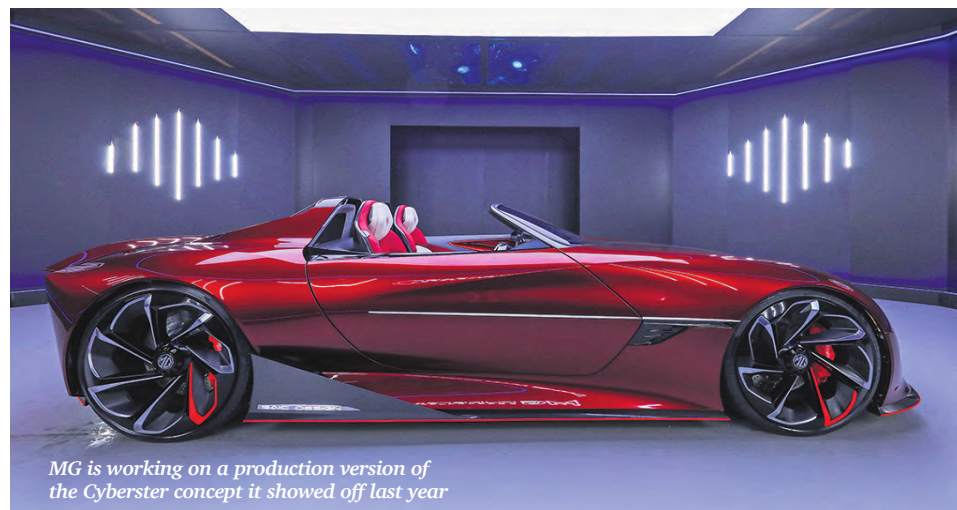
IF YOU'RE going to launch your new sports car without the baggage, don't bill it as "the return of the legend". And certainly don't tease it with a slick trailer that's at least as good as anything you'll see on Netflix.

But that's exactly what MG did on Monday, so baggage it is. Readers with longer memories will already know that they've been threatening to do this for ages because 18 months ago they showed off the two-seater Cyberster in concept car form, and now they're edging ever closer to making a concept version. About ruddy time, because for those under the age of 15, MG is a company best known for sports cars, not me-too crossovers.

However, MG has stopped tip-toeing around its illustrious heritage. The first move its Chinese paymasters made after snapping up the brand

was to put the old TF roadster, with some blink-and-you-miss-it tweaks, into production, but since then it's been a stream of hatches and crossovers that could have come from any Asian carmaker. I can't have been the only one who cringed when the MG 6 was launched a decade ago in two forms that nicked names from classic MGs – GT for the hatch, Magnette for the saloon – and showed them alongside a 1960s Midget on a mountain switchback in the TV ad. Nice try, but you couldn't help conclude that you'd rather have the leaky old roadster.

But that was a long time ago and MG is now Britain's fastest growing carmaker, thanks largely to a Popeye-esque diet of crossovers to build up your market strength, and being quick off the mark to spot the increasingly hefty appetite for electric-only offerings. It's also making cars that are making cynical motoring writer types like me sit up and take note too; only a few weeks ago in this very column I reckoned the new MG4 was the firm's first truly exciting model in more than a decade, and while I haven't driven the latest MG5 yet, those who are praising it for being a small, unpretentious estate car that does away with all the hype and just quietly gets on with the job in hand.



The Cyberster, on the other hand, is all about hype. It'll almost certainly be MG's slowest-selling model because the queue for cheap, mass-market sports cars is tiny these days – with the Fiat/Abarth 124 Spider gone, there's the Mazda MX-5, and that's about it. The Cyberster will be an all-electric answer to what would have happened had the MGF/TF never gone out of production, and it looks great. And for anyone wondering about whether it's a rightful heir to that particular throne – it's been designed by a team of Brits, too.

It could have been a clean break but MG's also given its slick social media teaser the strapline Return of the Legend, which sounds like a rejected title for a Marvel sequel. It also

means that it's asking us to make sure we slot the Cyberster right alongside the MGA, the MGB, the Midget and the MGF the instant it's launched, and means it will have to drive at least as well as a properly-sorted Midget MkIII from the moment it crunches off the gravel driveway. In other words, it'll have to be brilliant because MG's said that its own legend, carefully curated over nearly a century of delicately-honed roadsters, is returning.

But I'm not worried. Put it this way – everyone thought Daniel Craig would have a tough gig donning a tuxedo but Casino Royale was still a cracking film. No pressure, MG.

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2019(19)	Honda Cr-V 2.0 h i-MMD SR eCVT Euro 6 5dr	£26,295	£25,495	£800	£92	2021(71)	Vauxhall Crossland 1.5 Turbo D Ultimate Nav Auto Euro 6 5dr	£19,495	£18,695	£800	£67
2019(68)	Honda Jazz 1.3 i-VTEC EX Navi CVT Euro 6 5dr	£15,695	£14,695	£1,000	£53	2019(69)	Vauxhall Crossland X 1.2 Turbo Elite Nav Auto 5dr	£15,895	£15,295	£600	£55
2020(69)	Honda Jazz 1.3 i-VTEC SE CVT Euro 6 5dr	£15,495	£14,495	£1,000	£52	2021(21)	Vauxhall Grandland X 1.6 Turbo Ultimate Auto 5dr	£23,895	£22,295	£1,600	£79
2018(68)	Hyundai i10 1.0 SE Euro 6 5dr	£9,995	£8,995	£1,000	£32	2018(67)	Vauxhall Mokka X 1.4i Turbo Design Nav Auto Euro 6 5dr	£14,295	£13,295	£1,000	£48
2019(68)	Hyundai Ioniq 1.6 h-GDi 8.9kWh Premium DCT Euro 6 5dr	£20,995	£19,895	£1,100	£72	2018(68)	Vauxhall Viva 1.0i SE Nav Euro 6 5dr (a/c)	£9,995	£8,995	£1,000	£32
2021(21)	Hyundai Kona 1.6 h-GDi Premium DCT Euro 6 5dr	£25,495	£25,295	£200	£89	2018(18)	VW Golf 2.0 TDI GTD DSG Euro 6 5dr	£21,495	£20,895	£600	£75
2021(71)	Hyundai Kona 1.6 h-GDi SE Connect DCT Euro 6 5dr	£22,895	£21,895	£1,000	£79	2018(67)	VW Golf 2.0 TDI GTD DSG Euro 6 5dr	£21,495	£20,695	£800	£75
2018(68)	Jaguar XF 3.0d V6 S Sportbrake Auto 5dr	£28,795	£27,895	£900	£101	2020(20)	VW Passat 1.6 TDI SE DSG Euro 6 4dr	£20,495	£19,695	£800	£69
2019(68)	KIA Ceed 1.4 T-GDi 3 5dr	£16,495	£15,295	£1,200	£55	2019(19)	VW Polo 1.0 TSI beats Euro 6 5dr	£15,495	£13,995	£1,500	£49
2019(69)	KIA Ceed 1.4 T-GDi 3 Sportswagon DCT Euro 6 5dr	£18,795	£17,895	£900	£65	2020(20)	VW T-Cross 1.0 TSI SE DSG Euro 6 5dr	£22,495	£21,695	£800	£78
2019(19)	KIA Sorento 2.2 CRDi KX-3 Auto AWD Euro 6 5dr	£28,995	£27,895	£1,100	£101	2020(70)	VW Tiguan Allspace 2.0 TDI Match DSG 4Motion Euro 6 5dr	£30,295	£28,895	£1,400	£104
2020(20)	KIA Sportage 1.6 T-GDi 2 AWD Euro 6 5dr	£19,995	£18,895	£1,100	£68	2018(68)	VW Touran 1.6 TDI SE Family DSG 5dr	£23,895	£22,895	£1,000	£83
2019(19)	KIA Venga 1.6 3 Auto Euro 6 5dr	£15,995	£15,295	£700	£55	2020(20)	VW T-Roc 1.5 TSI EVO SEL DSG 5dr	£25,295	£24,895	£400	£89
2021(71)	KIA Xceed 1.0 T-GDi 2 Euro 6 5dr	£18,995	£17,695	£1,300	£64	2018(18)	Volvo S90 2.0 D4 Inscription Auto Euro 6 4dr	£22,995	£21,495	£1,500	£78
2017(67)	Mazda CX-5 2.2 SKYACTIV-D Sport Nav 4WD Euro 6 5dr	£19,495	£18,495	£1,000	£67	2019(19)	Volvo XC40 2.0 D3 Momentum Auto AWD Euro 6 5dr	£28,795	£27,795	£1,000	£99
2019(69)	Mazda 6 2.0 SKYACTIV-G SE-L Nav+ 4dr	£17,295	£15,695	£1,600	£57	2017(67)	Volvo XC60 2.0 D4 R-Design AWD 5dr	£22,295	£21,295	£1,000	£77
2016(16)	Mercedes A Class 1.5 A180d AMG Line Euro 6 5dr	£15,495	£13,895	£1,600	£49	2016(16)	Volvo XC60 2.4 D5 SE Lux Nav Geartronic AWD 5dr	£17,695	£16,895	£800	£59

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